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FM USINT BAGHDAD

TO JESSE MAFFUID PRIORITY

NATIONAL MACHINE TOOL BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

7901 WEST PARK DRIVE

MCLEAN, VA.

TELEX: 7108310031 NMTBA MCLN

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AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

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ALGIERS AND DAMASCUS HOLD FOR MAFFUID

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SUBJECT: BAGHDAD VISIT OF NMTBA REPRESENTATIVE

REF: (A) MAFFUID-KILLOUGH TELEGRAM RECEIVED JULY 18,
(B) STATE 169846

1. IN APRIL USINT SENT NOTE TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) INVITING IRAQI OFFICIALS TO CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL MACHINE TOOL SHOW (INTS). RECENTLY MFA REPLIED SAYING THAT NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND. MOREOVER, IRAQI GOVERNMENT HAS APPARENTLY CUT TRAVEL FUNDS SHARPLY AS PART OF CURENT AUSTERITY PROGRAM. HOWEVER, WE ENCOURAGE MAFFUID STILL TOPLAN TO VISIT BAGHDAD BECAUSE (ONE) MFA REPLY PROBABLY REGISTERS LACK OF INFORMATION ABOUT SHOA RATHER THAN FORMAL PROHIBITON ON IRAQI OFFICIALS ATTENDING, AND TRAVEL FUNDS MAY BE FOUND IF MAFFUID VISIT CREATES SUFFICIENT INTEREST, AND (2) SOME PRIVATE SECTOR IRAQIS MAY BE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING.

2. COOK'S TRAVEL SERVICE IN BAGHDAD HAS MADE RESERVATIONS
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FOR JESSE MAFFUID AT BAGHDAD HOTEL FOR JULY 27 - 31. IN

CASE OF NO SHOW, MAFFUID MUST REIMBURSE COOK FOR 34 DOLLAR
DEPOSIT REQUIRED TO HOLD ROOM.

3. USINT IS GLAD TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING MAFFUID SCHEDULE:
HOWEVER, IRAQIS PREFER TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS ONLY AFTER
FOREIGN BUSINESSMAN ARRIVES IN BAGHDAD.
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